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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: CC Dockets No. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237,
99-200, 95-116, 98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Joel Lubin, Mark Lemler, Ellen Reid and I met with Diane Law-Hsu, Paul Garnett, Jim Lande, Henry Morrow, Vickie Byrd and Josh Swift of FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. We continued to urge the Commission to adopt the CoSUS proposal as filed in the Coalition's comments and reply comments. The CoSUS proposal provides the most efficient and competitively neutral mechanism for the recovery of universal service costs. We described the many carrier and end user problems AT&T experienced as a result of the Commission's adoption of a Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC) and urged the Staff to avoid using a presubscribed interexchange carrier mechanism to recover universal service assessments in this proceeding. We explained that AT&T does not have reliable presubscribed line counts given the current PIC process. In addition, AT&T discussed problems with charging customers with no interstate usage in the month, threshold billing issues, ILEC billing on behalf of interexchange carries and the assessment of dial around traffic.

Consistent with the Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Merrick".

cc: Meeting Attendees